

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Re: Application of: Risto MAKINEN, et al.  
Serial No.: Not yet known  
Filed: Simultaneously  
For: A METHOD AND DEVICE IN  
CONNECTION WITH A REEL- UP

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 13, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as set forth below.